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# The Evening World.

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## ONE OF THE POOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREES.



### Distributing the Gifts Provided by "The Evening World's" Readers.

As if to make atonement for the hard times Dame Nature appeared with the most genial smiles this morning, and the day, as mild as in April, has been especially fine for the children of the poor who have depended upon "The Evening World's" Santa Claus for their Christmas joys.

He is a mighty fine fellow, this St. Nick, of "The Evening World," thanks to the generous-hearted readers who contribute to his Christmas fund. He was in seven places at once to-day, and many thousands of his dearest little children were out bright and early to see him.

Santa Claus has a host of lovely daughters, too, and they helped at the seven "Evening World" Christmas trees with smiling faces and hearts so tender that there were tears in them as they bestowed the good old Santa's gifts upon these bairns from back tenements.

Wand-faced, weary mothers, with toddlers at their skirts and their weak arms full of babies, and gloomy-faced and discouraged fathers came with their little ones, forgotten by Santa Claus at home, but remembered bountifully by the old fellow at these gathering places.

Big girls led little ones and big boys helped their smaller brothers to find their way through the crowds and get to the place where Kris Kringle's girls were distributing Christmas joys.

The readers who have given so generously cannot imagine, till they have had one experience, the amount of work and patience and trouble expended by other gentle-hearted people in preparing these festive of pleasure for the babies of Poverty Row. Besides the cases and cases of toys, dolls, sheep-pigs, goats, drums, horses, jumping-jacks, whips, Noah's arks, tea sets, kitchen sets, mittens, warm stockings, little coats, jackets, shirt waists, caps and what not, purchased with the fund contributed by the readers and added to by the editor of "The Evening World," there were other cases by the score of toys and gimcracks, clothing, books, candles, crackers, cookies, dough-

nuts, nuts and the like sent in by dealers who give frequently without so much as a mark to show who was the giver.

All these had to be divided up among the seven trees, five in New York, one in Brooklyn and one in Jersey City, and when it is considered that there were thousands and thousands of gifts to be distributed of toys, surely, and articles of wear when they seemed to be needed, besides a box of candy, nuts and crackers to each poor child, some idea of the work done by these volunteer ladies and gentlemen may be had.

All the work of preparation has been going on for three weeks at "The Evening World" Christmas-Tree Headquarters, 105 and 108 East Twenty-third street. Those who have labored there by day and till 10 or 11 o'clock at night include Miss Marguerite St. John, the beautiful English actress; Master Henry Levy, the already famous young pianist; Miss Margery Wood, Walter J. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Keith, Mrs. August Whitting, Mrs. Corry Childs and Mr. Ellis.

They worked last night till past midnight, then visited the various halls where the Christmas trees took root, dressed the trees and packed and arranged the gifts for this morning's distribution. With two winks of sleep, they were on hand again to distribute the gifts at 8:30 this morning.

"The Evening World" Christmas-Tree festivals were held to-day at the following places:

Harlem Opera-House, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street and Seventh avenue, 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock, by the kindness of Oscar Hammerstein, of generous heart.

American Theatre, Eighth avenue and Forty-second street, 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock, through the goodness of T. Henry French.

Clarendon Hall, Thirtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Central Opera-House, Sixty-seventh street, east of Third avenue, 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

New Irving Hall, 214 Broome street, 9 to 11 o'clock.

Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, 9 to 12 o'clock.

Office of the Overseer of the Poor, 14 Bright street, Jersey City, 9 to 11 o'clock.

**CLARENDON HALL'S TREE.**

Thousands of Little Ones Made Happy with Gifts.

Miss Marguerite St. John, radiant and full of the Christmas spirit, presided at the Clarendon Hall festival. In the centre of the hall a giant fir tree had taken root, redolent with mountain perfume and laden with Christmas fruit. There were beautiful dolls, tiny drums, tin horns, varicolored balls and gew-gaws of all kinds. Forming a square about this were arranged tables heaped high with all sorts of delights for juvenile hearts. Then again, outside of that was another counter, and between the tables and counters were a bevy of beautiful girls and good women, ready for the eager, clamorous throng that filled Thirtieth street almost from Third to Fourth avenue, while every street in the neighborhood was the scene of processions of hungry children, bound for "The Evening World" Christmas Tree.

The ladies who assisted Miss St. John were Mrs. Beatrice Corry Childs, Miss Bertha Wilby, Mrs. John Glendinning, Miss Annie Kattie and Nellie Sullivan, Miss Marie Carlyle, Mrs. Queenie Vassar Lynch, Miss Florence Thropp, Mrs. Throp, Miss Mary Shaw, Miss Mamie Smith and Miss Lennie Julian.

Outside the counters was a committee of gentlemen, who guided the children into the hall by one door, saw that each received gifts from the supply, and then guided them out at another door to the street again. This committee included Royal Keith, John Glendinning, the sterling actor; T. Henry French, the comedian; Henry Levy, the pianist; Walter J. Brooks, the well-known English actor, and Herr Fred Lubin, the prestidigitator.

Up in the gallery Conductor Emil Schoen and thirty-five members of that famous organization of St. Mark's place, the Ophelia Orchestra of New York, directed sweetest music while the children marched in, got their gifts and retired.

The officers of the Ophelia are George

Hoch, President; Otto Jossow and Otto G. Storn, Secretaries; Henry Menget, Librarian, and J. Hettiger, Assistant Librarian. The organization is nine years old, and one of the finest and most efficient musical organizations of the metropolis. Conductor Schoen is the well-known leader and teacher of instrumental music and composition.

It was a touching sight, these throngs of anxious, eager, expectant or frightened tatterdemalions, as they surged into the hall in spite of the efforts of the policemen outside and the Committee inside, and then emerged, the girls hugging their stuffed horses, fire-engines and what not, and all munching candy and laughing gleefully.

The distribution began at 9:30, and thousands of little folks were made happy before the noon hour struck.

**JOY IN THE CLERMONT RINK.**

Brooklyn Children Receive Presents from a Mammoth Tree.

Thousands of poor children in Brooklyn crowded into the Clermont Avenue Rink at 9 o'clock this morning to receive toys, clothing and food from their Santa Claus—"The Evening World" Christmas Tree. The children, many of whom were accompanied by their parents, poured through the doors and divided on both sides of the galleries.

Before 7 o'clock they began to gather in front of the entrance of the rink, on Clermont avenue. By 8:30, a half-hour before the doors were thrown open, there were fully five hundred children clamoring for admission.

They were poor children in every sense of the word. Some of them were barely clad. One little fellow, named Archie Davids, a lad seven years old, came in his bare feet. He was given a fine new pair of shoes, three pairs of warm woolen stockings, a woolen undershirt, coat and fur hat with ear lappas, besides receiving the amount of toys and candies which were given to the other children.

A very little girl and boy that was scantily clad was given clothing. Some of them were placed on the platform and dressed from head to foot.

The rink presented a beautiful appearance, decorated with the flags of all nations, evergreen and fir trees.

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erick Aldrich, the well-known Brooklyn decorator, of Laurence street.

Solomon's Orchestra, consisting of twelve pieces, led by Charles G. Solomon, of 34 Myrtle avenue, played all the National and popular airs, and the children joined in the choruses with a will.

The Christmas tree was decorated even more artistically than in former years, and the limits were bent down almost to the floor with dolls, Ferris wheels, horses, Noah's arks, drums and toys of all descriptions.

Mr. Norman L. Munro, who donated the use of the rink, was present all the morning, to see that the attaches of his property gave every assistance for the comfort and pleasure of the poor little children.

Nell Nelson, the bright young woman reporter of "The Evening World," was among the ladies who had supervision of the Christmas tree in Brooklyn. She busied herself in providing the little ones with huge stacks of toys and candy, and sent them away with light hearts and smiling faces.

Promptly at 9:30, the ladies on the committee began the distribution of toys. Each boy was given a fog-horn—the little ones trumpets—a Ferris wheel, clothing, a knife, such as knives, horses, ducky targets, swords, jack-in-box and a big box of candy.

The hearts of the little girls were made glad with pretty dolls, sweet biscuits, clothing dolls' dresses and two big boxes of candy.

There was no restraint placed upon the children. The boys were permitted to form about the door blowing their horns, beating the drums and shouting merry Christmas until the neighborhood resounded with the echo of their demonstrations of happiness.

The case of little Mickey Dougherty was pathetic in the extreme. Mickey is a cripple, and as he is obliged to use crutches he did not dare to enter in with his stronger brothers when the doors were opened.

In the crowd of children were many poor men and women, who were taken care of, owing to the kindness of the many merchants who had donated food and clothing for adults along with their toys and candies. The women were given bonnets and underwear, and the men were distributed shoes, trousers, caps and hats.

When "Mickey" reached the tree he was crying as though his heart would break, because, he said, "all the good things were gone."

Miss Ackerman took Mickey in charge,

and fitted him out in a brand-new suit, underwear, shoes, stockings, and a cap with a gold-lace band around it. This cap pleased Mickey more than the big box of toys he was given. Later the little fellow was found crying because he couldn't carry home the toys and had an account of his crutches, one of the ladies volunteered to go home with Mickey, and he left the rink, possibly, the happiest of the little tots.

A feature of the distribution was a big candy church, which was donated by Leon H. Lock, sexton and undertaker, of 159 Third avenue, New York. The candy church was broken up and the pieces distributed among the children.

As the toys were distributed each child was asked if there was anything at home who wanted something. If answered yes, as they invariably did, they were given an extra box of candy and extra toys.

There were 5,000 dolls, 5,000 horses, 5,000 trumpets, 1,000 drums, 500 pieces of clothing, 500 boxes of candy, 2,000 books, 500 fancy masks and 500 drums distributed among the crowd during the first hour, and when the last child had received its toys there were still a number of dolls, boxes of candy and other toys left over. Nothing had been spared.

Manager Perry, of the Edison Electric Light Company, had come prepared to illuminate the tree with electric lights, but the tree was so heavily laden with good things it was decided not to change the effect.

A gratifying feature of the distribution was that the children were not made an exhibition of. Those in charge had carried out the orders of "The Evening World" that nobody should be admitted to witness the distribution.

Many poor people who had felt a pride about having their little ones placed on exhibition, were attracted to the rink because they knew they would be alone with the other poor children.

When it became apparent to the managers of the Christmas Tree that there would be a large number of toys left over, after everybody had been bountifully supplied, it was decided to admit poor children who had no tickets, which had been sent out by persons not in authority.

It was afterwards learned that fully 50 children had come in on these tickets. The following ladies were on the committee, which had worked with untiring zeal for "The Evening World's" Christmas tree: Miss Viola Wilcomb, Mrs. Virgie Wilcomb, Miss Stella Van Buren, Mrs. Clara Ackerman, Miss Edith Ackerman, Mrs. M. Seavie, Miss Mulliner, Miss Jessie Rich, Miss Maud Baker, Miss Marguerite Jenkins, Miss Lily Myers, Miss Marie Fletcher, Miss Davis, Miss Ella Perry, Miss Edith Perry, Mrs. George Conklin, Miss Terry, Mrs. Arabella Jones, Miss Louise Craft, Miss Skinner, Miss Louie, Miss Lounsbury, Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. D. A. Fields, Miss George Florence, Miss A. V. Dennis, Mrs. Valders.

The gentlemen who assisted the ladies were Capt. Dawes, Harry Diner, George C. Conklin, Frederick Driggs, A. V. Tenny, Charles V. Dupont, Mr. Shea, Mr. Morton, Charles Weir and M. H. Ranney.

To Mr. Edward J. Shea is due the credit of managing the distribution of presents with success, and carrying out the arrangements which had been made by the ladies and gentlemen for "The Evening World."

The little children and their parents came from various parts of the city free, through the kindness of Secretary Bogardus of the Brooklyn City Railroad Company.

Mr. Bogardus had issued orders to all conductors of the various lines of the Company to pass all persons bearing admission tickets to "The Evening World" Christmas Tree at the Rink.

**AT IRVING HALL.**

Hundreds of East-Side Poor Children Substantially Remembered.

The picturesque east side, always animated, never presented such a bustling scene as when "The Evening World's" Christmas Tree was opened for view to the poor children of that section in Irving Hall, Broome street, between Essex and Norfolk streets, this morning.

As early as 7 o'clock throngs of children gathered on the sidewalk in front of Irving Hall, and began to make their way into the hall, where they were warmly welcomed by the committee.

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**AT THE HARLEM TREE.**

Joy, Gayety and Gratitude Manifested at Harlem Opera-House.

As early as 8 o'clock this morning children began to crowd the steps leading to the Harlem Opera-House, where "The Evening World's" Christmas Tree was set up and where the distribution of toys and good things was made.

As soon as the doors were open, the children began to enter the hall, where they were warmly welcomed by the committee.

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